

BEHIND THE MASKS



It didn't necessarily show, but first-grader Devin Brown was all smiles as he got a chance to try on a respirator mask.

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All eyes were to the front as Ed Sierra of the EPA talked about the gear that will protect workers as they remove concrete tainted with asbestos.

A little education and hands-on experience can go a long way in preventing fears of the unknown, students at Ames Elementary school in Marrero found out Thursday morning as representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency visited with them to talk about the upcoming work in their neighborhoods to remove asbestos-laden driveways and sidewalks. A team from the EPA answered questions and showed the kids the protective gear workers will wear during the \$5.75 million cleanup, which should take seven to nine months.

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